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'Not guilty' verdicts make Haine's year tough

By Terry Hillig
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A string of acquittals in well-publicized criminal cases may mean Madison County State's Attorney William Haine could find re-election difficult.

Haine, a Democrat from Alton, was elected without Republican opposition last year after he defeated predecessor Dick Allen in the primary. Haine could stand for re-election in 1992.

But Haine's first year in office has been marked by controversy and "not guilty" verdicts in several high-profile cases.

His angry responses to some of the setbacks, particularly his criticism of judges and juries, have drawn criticism even from his allies.

Haine said his administration has had some notable successes. "There are bargains, coupled with willingness to take cases to trial have resulted in many stiff sentences," he said.

As to whether to seek re-election, Haine said that decision will depend on how he feels about his performance as 1992 approaches.

"If filing day were next week, I would file," he said. "I've got a lot more good things."

But critics point to other things, such as a jury's acquittal this month of Thomas Reidelberger in the shooting deaths of his 16-year-old son and a man in Highland.

In January, a jury acquitted Dustan Pennington in the murder of East Alton motel clerk Lucille Bets. Another man, Charles Daubman, later pleaded guilty to the murder.

In May, a jury acquitted Dennis DeLuca of the murder of Douglas Roberts, a bartender at the

Haine — disturbed, determined

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County State's Attorney William Haine is troubled but not discouraged by the pressures of his first year in office.

"It's tough, but it's just the nature of the job," he said. Haine said a prosecutor's responsibilities are different from those of other officeholders.

"I have to make those hard choices that others don't have to make," he said.

Haine said a more aggressive approach to criminal cases can be more responsible for a series of acquittals in serious felony cases.

"We're trying more cases," Haine said. "I'm pushing the system harder. The emphasis is on trials, rather than plea-bargains.

"Part of that has gone to good results. We're getting good convictions. More defendants are willing to plead for (prison) time."

Haine said his staff in one December week tried six cases and won five convictions. But the one acquittal — of murder defendant Thomas Reidelberger — left Haine, by his own description, "devastated." He said the Reidelberger case was well-prepared.

Panama Jax nightclub in Collinsville.

Also in May, a jury acquitted Anton Gallishaw of charges that he sexually assaulted a woman at SIUE last year.

A jury in September acquitted Clay Baumann of reckless homicide in a fatal traffic accident near

"I can't see what we should have done that we didn't do," he said. "It's troubling to me that I am committed to being more exacting in how we present every case. We can't back away from our commitment to be more aggressive."

Haine said the other three murder cases that ended in acquittals this year "could have gone either way," but he finds the Reidelberger verdict (See DISTURBED, Page 9A)



BILL HAINES

"...it's tough"

Highland.

In October, Scott Cookson was acquitted in the killing of his stepfather, Gary Edie, in Granite City.

Also in October, a judge dismissed a reckless homicide charge against Elias Smith, of East St.

Louis, who was charged in connection with a fatal traffic accident in Granite City. The judge ruled that prosecutors failed to give her a speedy trial as required by law.

Friends familiar with the courts say it may be unfair to blame Haine's office for some of those results, but many also say they think voters will hold him responsible.

Haine had strong support among law enforcement officers in his bid for the office, but that support seems to have slipped.

"I personally think that things are as bad if not worse than they were during the four years of Dick Allen's administration," said one veteran officer who asked not to be identified.

"It just appears that the office is disorganized now," he added. "He has some people in key jobs who are very difficult to deal with."

An area police chief, who also asked not to be identified, echoed that complaint, but said Haine is personally well liked by police and seems dedicated to strong law enforcement.

Haine's staff is short on experienced prosecutors and it appears he does not make good use of the personnel available, said one experienced criminal lawyer.

He said Haine has hired many part-time assistants but has only a few top-notch, full-time prosecutors despite a budget at least as large as Allen's last year.

Assistant State's Attorney Don Weber said public perception of Haine's performance will improve dramatically when the office gets a few convictions in high-profile cases.

"Things change like the weather in the state's

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County Board delays 'dog day' vote

By David Migoya
Correspondent

EDWARDSVILLE — The issue of whether Madison County Animal Control can sell dogs to researchers may have been delayed. State's Attorney William Haine said Dec. 20 that the Madison County Board lacks the authority to ask voters to decide the question. The board can, however, pass the measure itself because it is a matter of internal policy, Haine said.

Haine said he will send a written opinion to the animal control committee.

"If we can't do it, we can't do it," said Homer Henke, who heads the committee that proposed the measure. "Politically it's a hot potato. The County Board wouldn't ever ask for it."

Henke said he thought the proposal should

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be decided by county residents because of its controversial nature.

The committee has two other members, Don Garrett, who supported the proposal, and Nick Hamilton, who opposed it. Henke said he has no objection to sell dogs for research would garner enough support from the County Board to pass.

The board stopped the practice of selling dogs for research in 1985 following pressure

from animal rights activists.

The county made about \$16,000 the last time dogs were sold, records show. Today, it could not almost twice that, said Dr. Virgil Haine, the county animal control administrator.

Should the board overturn its 1985 decision, the program would have to be approved by the state Department of Agriculture, Haine said.

If animals were to be sold to researchers in other states, federal regulations governing interstate commerce would apply, he said.

The animal shelter would have to sell the dogs to a licensed dealer, who would then sell them to researchers.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, no county in the country has ever overturned a decision to stop selling animals for research.

Tourist bureau audited

By Ed Gurney
Staff writer

COLLINSVILLE — An audit has pointed out possible financial mismanagement in the 1988 year ending June 30 at the Southwest Illinois tourism bureau, the controversial agency formerly based in Collinsville.

The audit revealed "discrepancies" in current board member Bill Gurney said Dec. 20.

Deborah Davis said she was told before she resigned Dec. 8 as administrative assistant that the audit had revealed the \$16,000 was unaccounted for last year.

Davis, who lives in rural Caseyville, said questionable financial and operational procedures prompted her to quit.

Her store sales are totally different picture than that revealed by bureau officials in August when Ron Presson resigned as

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TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS: Employees of the Madison Postal Service draw the winners of 10 turkeys they provided for patrons of the post office at 6th Street and Madison Avenue. Patrons registered in the lobby for the turkeys that were delivered in time for Christmas. From left are letter carriers Jim Verba, Steve DeYong, Bill Buster, Jack Ballentine, drawing a winner from a box held by clerk Clifford Parrish, Bob Lybarger, and Briggs and Richard Kalka. Also participating were maintenance chief Ron O'Malley and supervisor Florence Webster.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

Walgreen's may expand into Schnucks building

GRANITE CITY — The Walgreen store at Crossroads Plaza has applied for a liquor license and is negotiating for more space, possibly expanding into the old Schnucks building next door.

Maryellen Thielen, a spokesman for Walgreen, confirmed that the company would like to expand the Crossroads store and that the major cause for the expansion is the anticipation of approval of a license to sell package liquor at the store.

She could not confirm reports of whether or not the store will also be open 24 hours a day once expansion is complete.

Thielen could not give a timetable for when the work might begin.

Constitution requirement dropped by BAC board 6-1

By Rick Arnold
Staff writer

BELLEVILLE — Despite the protest of a social science professor, Belleville Area College students will no longer be required to learn about the U.S. Constitution as long as they can prove they learned about the document in high school.

The BAC Board of Trustees voted 6-1 at its meeting Dec. 21 to accept the recommendation of its Instruction and Curriculum Committee and establish graduation requirements for students

obtaining Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. Board member Ted Farmer cast the dissenting vote.

The Constitution provision came under strong attack from BAC professor Wayne Ault, who said the college should not encourage ignorance about how the U.S. government works.

"I believe that is wrong, that is not good for the students," Ault told the board.

He said the U.S. invasion of Panama is a classic example of

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Reviews and previews

East Granite may get face lifting

East Granite will become a model neighborhood for redevelopment if the Granite City Council approves a tentative revitalization plan for that area. A draft plan submitted by city Economic Director Alan Orthals includes demolishing the Webster School building and creating a neighborhood park; planting trees along Madison Avenue; working toward turning East 23rd Street into a green strip; and improving cleanliness in the neighborhood. A public meeting with residents to discuss the plan will be held Jan. 3 at the Granite City Township Hall.

Auto insurance goes into effect

A state law requiring mandatory liability insurance on automobiles goes into effect on Jan. 1. Residents who fail to pay for insurance could face fines of at least \$200 or suspension of their license plates. Drivers must carry proof of being insured. Vehicle owners insurance will be checked by one of three ways: when drivers are stopped for a traffic violation, when drivers are involved in an accident, or when a computer randomly selects an owner's vehicle to check for insurance coverage.

50 years ago

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1939

Nameoki voters braved the bad weather the day after Christmas to go to the polls and turn down creation of a park district by a 227-183 vote. Proponents of the district were planning two neighborhood parks: Maryland Heights and Community Heights.

Tip of the hat



Good deed

Webelos Scouts of Den 7, Cub Pack 15, earned money to bring needed Christmas food to the APA animal shelter as their holiday good deed. The Scouts are: back row, Kenny Herod, John Halwachs and Brett Downs; and kneeling, Douglas Mueller. Their den leader is Chuck Stokes.

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Man charged in sexual assault case

GRANITE CITY — An anonymous call to the sex and physical abuse hot line number led to an investigation by police and resulted in felony warrants being issued against a Granite City man.

Luther Leon Ray, 38, of the 2800 block of Palmer Avenue was arrested at 9:45 a.m. Dec. 21 on two informations issued by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

The warrants charged Ray with aggravated criminal sexual assault and two counts of criminal sexual assault of a 13-year-old girl. Det. Ned Tapp said Friday.

He alleged Ray had sex over a period of 12 months, the detective said.

Ray appeared before Associate Judge Robert F. Hennessey at the Granite City court the same day he was arrested and bail was set at \$10,000. Ray was transferred to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

The charges are sexual and psychological counseling and other help, Tapp said.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services received the initial call via

the hot line and contacted local police. Tapp was placed in charge of the investigation. The sex and physical abuse hot line telephone number is 1-800-252-2873.

Calls received over the line are dispersed to the appropriate agencies for the follow-up investigation, Tapp said.

Most abuse cases are being channeled through the Madison County State's Attorney's new sexual abuse unit, headed by Kit Morrissey and Don Weber of State's Attorney Bill Haine's staff, Tapp said.

A residence that has been purchased is centrally located in the county. Victims of sexual abuse can be temporarily housed there, Tapp said. The facility is called an advocacy house.

Physicians and nurses are on call at the facility, which allows child victims of abuse to be interviewed at a single location. The facility is also available to young victims having to relate the experience to several different investigators and other authorities.

Whether the number of abuse cases is sub-

stantially increasing is hard to say, Tapp said; however, the number of persons reporting sexual abuse crimes has increased, he said.

"People are coming out of the closet and are willing to talk about it. They know they can get help and support," Tapp said.

Supportive stories in the media also have been helpful, he said.

Information comes to authorities not only from the media but also directly from some young victims themselves, the detective said.

"Officer (Walter) Milton has come up with some disclosures through the DARE program," Tapp said.

Milton heads the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program sponsored by the Granite City School District, police department and the city.

"The 'good touch, bad touch' part of the DARE program is a small but important part and has resulted in several anonymous disclosures to the officer, who then files a report," Tapp said.

Aggravated abuse alleged

GRANITE CITY — Brian W. Thomas, 21, of the 2200 block of East 2nd Street, was charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse in an information issued by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

Thomas was arrested Dec. 13 on the felony warrant.

The abuse involved an eight-

year-old Granite City girl and occurred Dec. 9, police said. Ned Tapp said Friday. He was in charge of the investigation.

Thomas appeared in the Granite City court, where bond was set at \$40,000, and was taken to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

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Unwed teen births increasing in state

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

SPRINGFIELD Births to unmarried teen-age mothers have climbed 14.6 percent since 1985, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Statewide, 23,269 of 184,708 births were to women under 20. Of those births to teens, 18,387 (79 percent) were to unmarried teens.

"There are no easy solutions to this troubling problem," said Dr. Bernard Turnock, state public health director.

"Teen pregnancy is a symptom of many of society's problems. Where we find high rates

of teen pregnancy, we also are confronted with poverty, drug abuse, homelessness and school drop-outs."

In Madison County, 565 of 3,724 births (15.2 percent) were to teens. Of those 565 teen births, 383 (68 percent) were to unmarried mothers.

In Granite City, 128 of 549 births (23 percent) were to teens, said Sue Parr, supervisor of prevention services for the Mental Health Department. Parr's program, a sex-education and state-assisted program aimed at reducing teen pregnancies.

Parr said 75 of those teen births (59.5 percent) were to unmarried mothers.

She said the teen birth rate in Madison County had decreased by one or two tenths of a percentage point since 1987. "That's not a whole lot, but many of our neighboring counties are experiencing increases," she said.

She said one alarming "nationwide trend" held true in Granite City: births to girls age 16 to 19 had decreased, but births to girls age 13 to 15 had increased by about 7 percent.

"Most of the fathers are at least three years older," Parr said, calling this "an interesting trend around the state."

Henhaus case now political issue

COLLINSVILLE — An allegation that Madison County Treasurer Michael "Mick" Henhaus meddled in the prosecution of criminal cases against his sons is now an issue in the treasurer's race.

John Shimkus, the Collingsville Republican seeking the office, said the allegation "gives us an idea of what happens behind the closed doors of Madison County government."

State's Attorney William Haine said in an affidavit this month

that Henhaus approached him and asked him not to file charges against his sons or to reduce the charges later.

The sons, Michael Henhaus II and Matthew Henhaus, have been charged in connection with a May 12 fight at a Bethalto convenience store.

Henhaus, a Democrat, is seeking renomination in the March 1990 primary election.

"The apparent use of Mick Henhaus' elected position to influence the judicial process is

wrong. This is another example of elected officials using their position to be self-serving," Shimkus contended.

Henhaus denied he had tried to intimidate Haine. Attorneys for Henhaus are seeking a special prosecutor to replace Haine.

Henhaus, of Bethalto, is seeking his fourth term as Madison County treasurer. Max Shaffer, of Glen Carbon, also is seeking the Democratic treasurer nomination.

College offers varied courses in Madison

MADISON — Madison residents may enroll in a variety of extension center courses in their own community, thanks to Belleville Area College.

Some of the most popular courses have been woodworking and small gasoline engines.

Registration will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 10 and 11 in Room 109 of Madison High School and through Jan. 13 at the college's Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Road, or by calling toll-free at 1-

800-BAC-5131, extension 455. Tuition is \$30 per credit hour. Some courses may have additional lab fees.

For information, persons may call Carol Steptoe, Madison extension center coordinator, at 876-7135 after 2 p.m. or call the college at 1-800-BAC-5131.

Extension center classes in 1990 begin Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Classes will be offered in 18 area communities. BAC has a strong commitment in bringing

college programs to all residents of its district," said Dr. Valerie L. Thaxton, vice president of community services.

General studies classes, for credit and non-credit, include floral design, know your car, wood and furniture refinishing, and small gas engines.

The credit course being offered is fundamentals of public speaking.

Sparse 'audience' for Pat Quinn in county

COLLINSVILLE — It didn't bother Pat Quinn that the only people at his press conference at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday were a *Journal reporter* and a photographer.

He said that audience of two that he will be a consumer advocate and a taxpayer advocate if elected treasurer of Illinois.

Quinn, of Chicago, will face State Rep. Peg Breslin in the March Democratic primary. Quinn called on his opponent to join him in refusing campaign contributions from large financial institutions.

"I used to live in Madison and St. Clair counties

and I know this area needs economic growth and job creation," Quinn said.

"My role is to leverage the money of Illinois taxpayers to get the banks to invest in job creation, economic development, small business, and help create affordable housing," he said.

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Center holds key to laughter for some Alzheimer's victims

This is the second in a series of articles dealing with Alzheimer's Disease.

By Carolyn Marty

Staff writer

Laughter was heard from behind the cardboard stage, then a call for silence.

A bright orange sock with large green eyes and brown stubbles of hair peeked through one of the holes.

"Hi, how are you?" it asked in a raspy voice. "Are you all having a good time?"

Next, a purple head and a green one joined in the fun.

The antics of the delightful puppets drew the attention of the few people who were still at the Red Cross Adult Day Care Center, 5615 Pershing Road.

But more importantly, the puppets served a therapeutic purpose for those who attend the center, many of whom suffer from Alzheimer's Disease. The puppets provided a means of interacting with others and a chance to get in touch with their creativity.

One elderly man couldn't talk because of a stroke. But through his puppet, he could make motions and have fun with the others.

Another man's speech was distorted. He wasn't afraid, however, to talk through his puppet and join in the puppet show.

And one woman, who sat in a corner, smilingly, and seemed to her surroundings, couldn't resist joining in on a verse of "America the Beautiful" with the rest of the elderly and their puppets.

"Many people think that for those who work with Alzheimer patients that it's all downhill," said Fran Chen, occupational therapist at the center. "But they can be fun and humorous."

"And the puppets bring out the man in everyone."

Mary Holt, a member of Older Adult Service and Information Systems, runs the puppetry program at the center.

She took a course in puppetry offered through OASIS and was amazed at her own reaction.

"I'm ordinarily a quiet person," Holt, 65, said. "But when I put the puppets on my hand, I could talk to anyone about anything. I think it serves as an alter ego."

After finishing the course, Holt became an Older Peer Adult Leader (OPAL) prepared to share her expertise with other seniors.

After leading several classes, she decided to, with some alterations, the four-week class might work well at the adult day care centers around the St. Louis area. Although the seniors were not able to make the stage, they did make puppets.

And the results of the program exceeded Holt's expectations.

"I hoped that they might like it, but I didn't know it would strike such a big response," Holt said.

"I just finished a course at the Red Cross Day Care Center in Florissant, and one man said he had so much fun. It was something he hadn't done since he was a child."

Agency offers support to Alzheimer's caregivers

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA) of St. Louis offers a variety of services to help the caregivers and their families.

Support groups meet on a regular basis in locations throughout the St. Louis area. These are small groups of caregivers who

meet to share experiences and encourage one another. Some of the problems of Alzheimer's disease are unique and these groups help participants learn how to deal with them.

The ADRDA also sponsors "How to Cope" programs for interested persons. These four

seminar series present information on care-giving planning, practical techniques for coping at home, and legal affairs and financial planning suggestions.

To obtain more information about these or other services offered by the association, call the ADRDA office at (314) 432-3422.

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Local humane group helped by donations

The Madison County Humane Society Building Fund now has close to \$23,000, thanks in large part to two recent contributions.

Walter Kracek, a retired dentist, and his wife, Margaret of Alton, recently donated \$10,000 to the Building Fund in honor of their dog, "Gordeau." Gordeau was adopted by the Kraceks from the Madison County Humane Society. A donation of \$2,700 was also received from Korte Construction of Highland.

The Humane Society has also been receiving contributions from the public through its large "donation house," which has been placed in various stores throughout Madison County. Every month the house is moved to a new store in new community. The public can make contributions to the Humane Society Building Fund by dropping coins or bills into the donation house's chimney.

All contributions to the Humane Society Building Fund are deposited in an interest bearing account and will someday be used by the society to build a new shelter to house the unwanted and abandoned animals of Madison County. The society currently operates its shelter out of the Madison County Pound, which is overflowing with lost and abandoned animals. According to Wendy Porter, Vice President of the Humane Society, "More animal shelter is desperately needed in Madison County."

"More than 3,000 unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized each year in Madison County, and until the public becomes more aware of the overpopulation problem, this number is not likely to decrease."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Madison County Humane Society Building Fund may do so by sending their tax deductible contribution to the Society at P.O. Box 1, Edwardsville, or by calling the society shelter at 656-4405.



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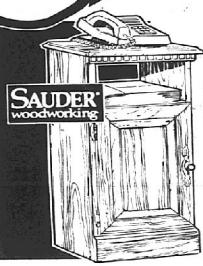
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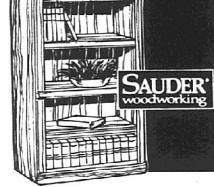
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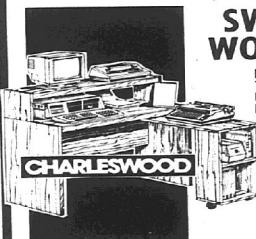
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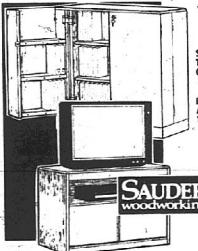
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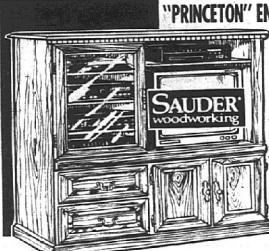
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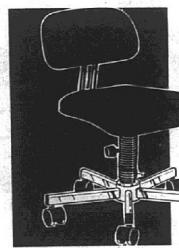
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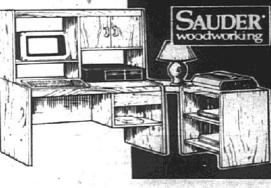
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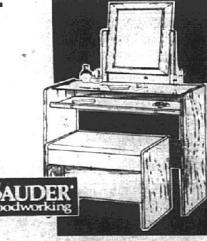
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Those who wish more information should call Pete Ferrer at 931-7062.

The annual Christmas Pyles family reunion was held recently at the Granite City Pylesboro Hall. A buffet luncheon was served to 75 relatives from near and far.

Santa Claus presented each child with a present. Drawings for presents were held. The hall was decorated with poinsettias.

Past matrons hold Christmas party

The past matrons of the Eastern Star held their annual Christmas party at Jerry's Cafeteria downtown Granite City.

President Shirley Schwendemann welcomed members and guests. Guests included Marion Clatts and her mother, Frieda Clatts, wife of the worthy patron; line officers; Associate Conductor Carol Downing; and Conductor Vassie Thorne. Schwendemann said, "Twas the Night Before Implementation," and Dorothy Watkins presented "Grandma's Apron" and

Maxine Green



and each woman was given a poinsettia centerpiece to take home.

The first computer has been ordered from Schnucks by Holy Family School parents who collected green envelope contributions to get enough additional receipts by May 13 to be able to get another computer.

Several more Christmas programs and watch night services are still scheduled for this year. Suburban Baptist Church's cantata will be held at 6 p.m. Christmas eve. Its watch party, New Year's eve, will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the Lord's Supper at 11:30 p.m.

Granite City Third Baptist Church will hold a candlelight service on New Year's Eve at 6:30, with the Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m.

A Christmas party was held recently in the Four Square Church basement at 2400 East 25th St. by the United Women's Auxiliary.

President Shirley Ottinger was assisted by Betty Lijnhart.

There was a gift exchange and

secret pals were revealed.

Refreshments were served to Phyllis Davidson; Verla Rainey; Pat Richardson; Connie Parker; Betty Alpe; Melba Parker; Muriel Hammann; Ruth Vaughn; Verna Nolen and grandsons; Shirley Ottinger and daughters; Amanda and Kay Floyd; and Rachel Roe and her grandchildren, Jessica and Eddie Floyd and Lee Floyd; and Betty Lijnhart and daughter, Sharon.

Refreshments also were served to board members when their meeting was over. Then all adjourned to the auditorium for the evening church service.

Amber Frost, whose home is now in California, is spending the holidays in this area visiting her mother, Gary Frost, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Lula) Frost.

Employees of Woolworth's enjoyed a yuletide party recently at the store.

The new manager, Mark Negracki, and his wife, Sally, attended, along with Ben and Lula Frost, Charlotte Wilmouth, Charles Spence, Ken and Cindy Johnson, Jim and Warren Stephanian, Stuard and Charles Wickam, Lawrence and Anna Hopkins, Irene Stinchfield, Anna Crow and Glenda Ballew.

Avon representatives held their Christmas party at the Granite City Township Hall.

A welcome was given to the

new representatives and other guests by manager Phyllis Last.

Congratulations were given to the first 1989 President's Club member, Chloe Denny.

Contributions also were given to Rising Star honorees: Mary Nolen, Bonnie Hunter, Cora Nance, Clarine Coggan, Esther Clegg, Elsie Anna Stumpf, Anna Brub, Ilene Hendrickson and Tommie Myers.

Special thanks were given to 500 Club members: Virginia Manning, Janice Johnson, Billie Bosworth, Diane Johnson, Myrtle Chastain, Carol Gillard, Julia

Lotsy, Debbie McElroy, Patty Miles, Ruth Ray, Micky Strack, Bonnie Pfeifer, Helen Miller, Winnie Pfeifer and Joanne Huelskoter.

Highlights of the next three campaigns were pointed out and discussed. New articles will be sold and a "Free Sweep" will be featured.

Christmas songs were sung by

Cora Nance, with Maxine Green at the piano.

After a delicious meal (prepared by Jerry's) served to the 125 present, the rest of the evening was spent playing bingo and holding drawings for door prizes.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the township hall.

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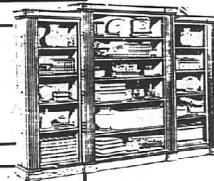
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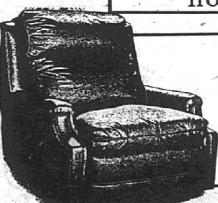
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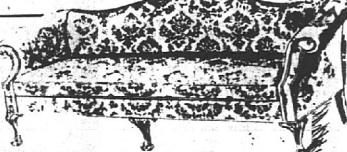
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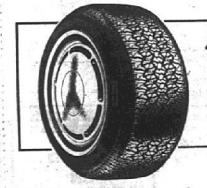
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Obituaries

Slaughter

Mary Olive (Holt) Slaughter, 66, of Granite City, died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at the Medical Center in Granite City. She had been ill for several years and in the hospital for four days.

Mrs. Slaughter was born Jan. 22, 1923, in Dyerberg, Tenn., and lived in Granite City for 50 years before moving to Granite City two years ago. She had worked as a cook for 10 years at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis, retiring in 1971. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Cletus, whom she married Dec. 25, 1956, in Granite City; one son, Billy Clayton Lynn of Island Lake, Ill.; four daughters, Mrs. Hoover (Bourbon) McDaniels of Hornbeck; Mrs. Louise (Sara) Esparza of Madison; Mrs. Linda (Lynn) Waters of Granite City and Loretta Andra of Houston; three stepdaughters, Valeria Slaughter of Cahokia and Angela and Tina Slaughter, both of Granite City; two brothers, Harvey Holt of Madison; one sister, Mrs. J.C. (Betty) Cagle of Hickman, Ky.; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visitation began at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, 622-9000. The family suggests memorials to the St. Elizabeth Church Building Fund.

Mary Micik

Micik

Mary E. (Jones) Micik, 74, of Granite City, died at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, 1989, at the Edwardsville Care Center. She had been ill since May and at the Care Center for three days.

Mrs. Micik was born Jan. 31, 1915, in Brownfield, Ill., and had lived in Granite City for 45 years. She retired as a teacher in the Madison School District in 1978.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and was a graduate of Southern Illinois University.

Survivors include her husband, Micik; one brother, Robert Jiges of Springhill, Fla.; and two sisters, Jane Ragan of Granite City and Frances Huber of Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, 622-9000. The family suggests memorials to the St. Elizabeth Church Building Fund.

Tourist

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head of the agency.

The bureau, based in Collingswood, N.J., moved to Highland Park, 1, is destined to promote tourism in most of an eight-county area that includes Madison and St. Clair counties. The bureau has banned the public and press from its meetings since October 1989.

It was said the resigned after losing faith that the bureau's board and newly appointed Executive Director Bob Ermovitch would straighten out the problems she saw under President's leadership. She thought Bob would clean it up, but he isn't going to," Davis said.

Davis said she had suggested to the state Office of Tourism that it conduct an audit of state grant funds received and spent by the bureau.

Presson said Wednesday that any allegations that he misused money at the bureau are "absolutely not true."

"There weren't any funds misused while I was there," he said. "You can make an audit show anything you want it to show."

Davis said inquiries into the bureau's financial management were made after she presented a \$70,000 check written May 9 to a Landmark Bank.

"I had no back-up paperwork on what it was for," she said. "I knew it would be a red flag to do."

"I found out later the \$10,000 was to pay back a loan Ron got from Phil Casper (of Omnibus Studios)," Davis said.

Presson told the newspaper he had no recollection of the check. In a separate, board members met in private in mid-July and suspended Presson.

According to minutes obtained by the newspaper, the board voted at a meeting Aug. 11 to terminate Presson's employment. "The basis for this termination includes, but is not limited to the following," the minutes state.

"Mr. Presson's failure to present financial funds related to travel and other disbursements either before or after the actual disbursements. General mismanagement of bureau accounts and fiscal processes, and an audit trial for travel and other alleged expenses of Mr. Presson's."

The board then approved a substitute motion that it "will accept the resignation of Mr. Presson and that he will not include his leaving the bureau without further compensation."

"The whole thing was to keep it from the state," Davis said. "They did it gashed for Presson's resignation rather than fire him so the state wouldn't come down and do an audit. They were afraid the state would pull its grant money," she said.

The bureau received a \$275,000 grant from the state in 1988-89 through the local tourism and convention bureau program.

Presson submitted a letter of resignation dated Aug. 17.

He told a reporter he submitted his resignation voluntarily because he was seeking another job. He said he was unaware that the board had approved a motion to terminate him. "I think there's other agendas being addressed here," Presson said.

iate member of the AMVETS post in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie (Easley) Campbell; three daughters, Judith Puryear and Jana Boring, both of Granite City, and Holly Campbell of St. Louis; three brothers, Bob Campbell of Arizona and Walter "Bud" Campbell of Henderson, Ky.; one sister, Katherine Cooney of Henderson; and one granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, 622-9000. The family suggests memorials to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Morgan

Louis A. Morgan, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Big Lake, Ill., died at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at St. Mary's Health Center in Richmond Heights, Mo. He had been ill for four months and in the hospital for 2½ weeks.

Mr. Morgan was born Feb. 23, 1907, in Reynoldsburg, Ill., and had lived in Granite City for 71 years.

He retired in 1969 from the National Lead Co. as a foreman after working there for 45 years. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-45 during World War II and was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Ada (Reeves) Morgan, whom he married Sept. 4, 1926, in Granite City; two daughters, Mrs. James (Shirley) Batson of Edwardsville and Mrs. John (Mary) Lohman of Lodi of Highlands, N.J.; two brothers, Everett Morgan of Granite City and Orville Morgan of Roosevelt, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, where funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) by the Rev. John Davis. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville. The family suggests memorials to the Diabetes Association.

Moore

Helen I. (Dietz) Moore, 66, of Fairmont City died at 5:09 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at Bellville Memorial Hospital. She had been in failing health.

Born Dec. 23, 1923, in East St. Louis, she had been employed as a librarian for 20 years at Scott Air Force Base. She was a member of Women of the Moose Lodge 4 in Caseyville.

Survivors include one son, Richard Schneider of Oak Harbor, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. James (Patricia) Massey of Granite City and Mrs. William (Sally) Sordet of Washington Park; one brother, William E. Dietz Jr. of St. Jacob; one stepmother, Marie Dietz of Fairmont City; and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husbands, Raymond C. Schneider and William H. Moore.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday at Kasten Funeral Home, 999 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

Franklin

Helen Anna (Ellis) Franklin, 47, of Madison was pronounced dead in the emergency room of St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 8:11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 1989, after being stricken suddenly at home.

She was born June 3, 1942, in St. Louis and had lived in Madison for 15 years.

Mrs. Franklin had been employed by the Visiting Nurses in Fairview Heights as a nurse aide for the past 10 years. She was a member of the Church of God in Christ Congregational Church, Madison, where she served as a nursery mother and mother of the church.

Survivors include one son, Edward Franklin Jr. of Madison; two daughters, Mrs. Terry (Helen) Owens of Belleville and Felists Overstreet of Madison; three brothers, Edward Johnson of O'Fallon, Ill., Frank Johnston of Fairview Heights and John Ellis

of St. Louis; two sisters, Marie Overhul of Washington Park and Rosemarie Sifuentes of Troy, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Friday at Kasten Funeral Home, 999 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights, where a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Loyet

Wilbur Henry Loyet, 62, of Olmstead, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, 1989. He suffered fatal injuries in a truck accident on his farm. A coroner's inquest is pending.

Born July 15, 1927, in Granite City, he lived here until moving to Olmstead in 1973. He had worked as a mathematics teacher in Col-

linsville and as a substitute teacher in Granite City.

Mr. Loyet is survived with the wife, Faye, and in the Pease Corps, and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Becky Tompkins-Loyet of Collinsville, Ill.; his mother, Cecelia Loyet of Belleville; three brothers, Richard, Lowell and Thomas Loyet, both of Granite City, and Cecil Loyet of O'Fallon; and three sisters, Cecilia M. Hanrahan and Florence B. Moore, both of Granite City, and Bernadine Howell of Union, Mo.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, 931-6000.

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why students should be aware of their government functions.

"The events of today show that it is a deadly serious issue," Ault said. "Young people are politically illiterate and apathetic."

Farmer agreed with Ault.

"I think we're undermining the integrity of this institution,"

Haine

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attorney's office," said Weber, a former state's attorney himself. "Bill is doing a good job and he's a good state's attorney."

Weber said the acquittals have overshadowed successful prosecutions in difficult but less-publicized cases.

Convictions are harder to achieve than they were a few years ago, Weber added.

Disturbed

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dict inexplicable.

"I feel it's a responsibility for these cases, as we're in an office," he said. "I don't think I've ever been so troubled in my entire life."

Haine said he and his staff review preparation and presentation of cases on an ongoing basis.

"Maybe we need to be more exacting. Maybe we need to be more passionate," he said.

He said he is a strong believer in the jury system, but thinks juries have become more skeptical.

Farmer said, "I think this is totally wrong. Of all the things that I've voted on, this is one of the five worst things we've done."

But BAC President Joe Cipri said the board's hands were somewhat tied on the issue.

"The proposal is part of the compact agreement, not only between community colleges, but

between community colleges and four-year universities," Cipri said, adding there is a great deal of inconsistency among universities concerning the constitutionality requirement.

"The University of Illinois doesn't even check at all while Northern Illinois University just passed a rule making it a requirement," Cipri said.

Cipri did mention that the graduation requirements had been approved by the faculty and administration. He added that under state law, BAC will have to revise its admission

requirements in 1990.

Given those two factors, the board was correct in approving the graduation requirements, said board member Janet McReynolds.

"If we abrogate the faculty position and supersede their authority, then we would be set-

ting ourselves up for a dangerous precedent," McReynolds said. "We have said that the admission standards will be revised in 1990. That would be the proper time to review the requirements."

Dr. Lynn Suydam, vice president of instruction, said the

graduation requirements aren't etched in stone and most likely will change in the next few years.

"We have to be a dynamic institution, constantly changing. The day we do that, we are already falling behind."

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Patricia A. Gillespie

Seaman Recruit Patricia A. Gillespie, daughter of Charles and Karen A. Bridick of Madison, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

During Gillespie's eight-week training cycle, she studied general military subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields. Her studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

Upon completion, Gillespie was eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1986 graduate of Marquette High School, Alton, Gillespie joined the Navy in February 1989.

Todd Pope

Sgt. Sgt. Todd J. Pope has graduated from the Air Force noncommissioned officer leadership school.

The sergeant studied techniques of leadership, management and supervision.

He is an electronic communications and cryptographic equipment systems technician at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., with the Joint Communications Support Element.

His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Gen. G. Dergen of 2425 Washington Ave.

The sergeant is a 1981 graduate of Granite City High School North.

Craig Yager

Craig Pfc. Craig Yager, son of Mrs. Ruth Yager of Granite City, is home of leave for the Christmas holidays. He will return Dec. 27 to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, where he is a member of Weapons Company, 2nd Marine Division.

Yager graduated in 1988 from Granite City High School after signing up with the U.S. Marine Corps in March 1988. He reported Feb. 14, 1989, for boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, graduating from there on May 11.

The Marine spent a week in Granite City as a recruiter's assistant in May and then reported to Camp Geiger in North Carolina where he attended the Marine Corps School of Infantry. He received training as an anti-tank gunner and as a target gunner.

Yager graduated Aug. 15 from the infantry training course and was promoted to the rank of private first class.

He is expecting to leave in March for a 6-month tour of duty in the Mediterranean.

Pvt. David R. Milton Jr. has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Milton is the son of Allene Dona

of 2414 Madison Ave., and David R. Milton Sr. of 2442 Edison Ave.

He is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School.

Donald Weis

Donald M. Weis Jr., son of Donald M. and Alice M. Weis of 2012 State St., has been promoted to the U.S. Air Force to the rank of technical sergeant.

Weis is a health professions recruiter with the 354th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron in St. Louis.

He is a 1978 graduate of Edwardsville Senior High School.

David Moore

Pvt. David R. Moore has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Robert V. and Joanne Imboden of 211a Hamilton Drive.

The sergeant is a 1981 graduate of Granite City High School.

Military**Jeffrey Imboden**

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey G. Imboden recently participated in the major Strategic Air Command exercise "Mighty Warrior '89."

The exercise provided the opportunity for air and ground crews to practice much of their work in a wartime environment. The crews simulated the United States' response to NATO requests for long-range air support in conventional conflicts against the Alliance.

Imboden is a guidance control avionics specialist with the 30th Organizational Maintenance Squadron.

He is the son of Robert V. and Joanne Imboden of 211a Hamilton Drive.

The sergeant is a 1981 graduate of Granite City High School.

Jerry Meredith

Jerry L. Meredith, son of Beverly D. Meredith of Bee Spring, Ky., has been promoted to the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant.

Meredith is a journalist with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Military Community Activity, Zweibruecken, West Germany.

His wife, Deborah, is the daughter of John W. and Barbara A. Headrick of 2013 Cottage Ave.

Richard Witt

Cadet 1st Lt. C. C. Witt has completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field training encampment at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

Field training, attended by cadets normally between their second and third year of college, gives an opportunity to evaluate each student's potential as an officer.

The summer curriculum consists of orientation on jet aircraft, career opportunities, human relations education and equal opportunity training. Physical fitness and survival training is also emphasized.

The field training is four weeks, but cadets in the two-year ROTC program receive an additional two weeks of instruction in the development of air power and the contemporary Air Force.

The cadet is a student at Parks College of St. Louis University in Cahokia.

Witt is the son of Phillip S. Witt of 3873 John Glenn Drive and Vick-

ie L. Nighohossian of 178 Briarwood Lane.

He is a graduate of Granite City High School.

James A. Wilson

Marine Pfc. James A. Wilson, son of Jim and Toni A. Wilson of 5 Victoria Drive, Pontoon Beach, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 13-week training cycle, Wilson was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He will return to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

Wilson participated in an active physical conditioning program designed to develop the majority of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1988 graduate of Granite City High School, Wilson joined the Marine Corps in May 1989.

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Opera singer Erie Mills seizes opportunities at the Met

By Paul A. Harris
Staff writer

Successful careers in music often are a matter of seized opportunities — making the most of each and every endeavor.

For Granite City native Erie Mills (first name pronounced like "airie"), Lake Erie began in a junior high school music room and the children's chorus at the Muny in the late 1960s. Later, she earned a bachelor's degree in music from the College of Wooster (Ohio) and a master's degree in music from the University of Illinois.

The trail thus far has led Mills to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, where she recently finished an engagement singing in a Met production of Jacques Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman."

Mills will be the featured sing-

er in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's New Year's Eve concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at Powell Symphony Hall. Leonard Slatkin will conduct.

In 1987, Mills took part in a New York City Opera production of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." A subsequent recording of that production, on New World Records, garnered a Grammy Award in 1988.

She had always sung, ever since she was a little girl, in church choirs and plays," said Mills, 36. "I was in the kids' chorus at the Muny Opera for two years. I also played the piano and violin." She wanted to go to college and had pretty well decided to become a voice major, but she didn't know exactly in what vein.

Mills came to graduate school, there was a rise of interest in opera throughout the United States. More opera was being produced on the regional level and was performed. "I thought that this would be the best way to put together my vocal ability with my theatrical ability," she said. "But all the

way through college I was singing summers at the Muny Opera. I was in the chorus from 1970-76."

In 1976, Mills took part in a New York City Opera production of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." A subsequent recording of that production, on New World Records, garnered a Grammy Award in 1988.

She heard it when I sang it, I'm not kidding," Mills said, laughing. "That was my song in the gala. We had shared a dressing room together at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The next thing I knew, Maureen had this album coming out."

Currently a resident of northern California, Mills character-

ized her singing voice as a lyric coloratura soprano.

"That just means a flexibility with the voice," she said. "I sing a lot of little notes. For me, that

means that I sing Mozart, Rich-

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This is the time of year to host a dessert party. People go to the trouble to indulge in devastatingly delicious desserts that look and taste special. That decision to eat party foods is something to be done in the kitchen to put extra effort into preparing the desserts.

These desserts rotate with a cosmopolitan spirit. Thoroughly American in flavor, they are unity with distinctive ingredients and preferences. There is Maple Mousse from the Northeast, Homemade Peppermint Ice Cream from the South and dried Fruit and Noodle Dessert from the Midwest.

Although such a showy spread of desserts may seem daunting, many of the recipes can be made easily. The ice cream keeps in the freezer up to 10 days and the kugel-like dessert and mousse can be made a full day in advance.

To add to the plan a grand presentation to complement the dazzling dessert display. Pull out red, green or white linens.

Present the mousse simply, but elegantly, in fluted, fluted glasses with festive bows tied around the stems. Serve scoops of ice cream in stemmed dessert dishes with a candy cane poised on the rim or cradle each ice cream in a wreath-shaped peppermint candy. To further enhance a Christmas table, set the casserole of Dried Fruit and Noodle Dessert amid clusters of pine boughs and pine cones.

Maple mousse

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
4 eggs, separated
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups whipping cream, whipped
1/2 tsp. vanilla
Chopped pecans, if desired

Sprinkle gelatin over water to soften.

Beat egg yolks in small mixer until lemon-colored, about 2 minutes. Gradually beat in maple syrup.

Transfer egg yolk mixture to heavy medium saucepan. Stir in gelatin mixture. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved.

Remove from heat. Pour into large bowl. Refrigerate until stiff.

Combine egg whites and cream of tartar. Beat until foamy. Beat in sugar until stiff and glossy. Fold egg whites, whipped cream and vanilla into mousse mixture.

Divide mixture between 8 fluted champagne glasses. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours until firm. Garnish each serving with a pecan. Makes 8 servings; 396 calories, 5 gm. protein, 27 gm. fat, 35 gm.

carbohydrate each.

Dried fruit and noodle dessert
8 oz. medium-wide noodles, uncooked
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 cup dairy sour cream
6 tbsp. butter, softened
5/8 cup plus 1 tbsp. sugar
3 tbsp. honey
1 tsp. vanilla
5 oz. dried fruit
2 pkg. (6 oz. each) dried mixed fruit, diced
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Cook noodles according to package directions. Rinse and drain.

Beat cream cheese in small mixer bowl until smooth and fluffy. Beat in sour cream, butter, 1/2 cup sugar, honey and vanilla until well blended. Beat in eggs.

Combine noodles and dried fruit in large mixing bowl. Stir in cream cheese mixture until all ingredients are well combined.

Pour into well-buttered 2-quart casserole. Combine 1 tablespoon sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over top of noodle mixture. Bake 1 hour at 350° or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 12 servings; 381 calories, 8 gm. protein, 26 gm. fat, 44 gm. carbohydrate each.

Homemade peppermint ice cream

1/2 cup sugar
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
4 oz. peppermint candy, pulverized
1/2 tsp. salt
3 cups whipping cream
2 eggs, separated
3 cups light cream or half-and-half
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
4 oz. peppermint candy, coarsely crushed

Combine sugar, gelatin and salt in medium bowl. Add to 2 cups whipping cream. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved.

Stir small amount of gelatin mixture into eggs. Return all to saucepan. Cook over low heat 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Pour into metal freezer can. Stir in remaining whipping cream, light cream and vanilla and peppermint extract. Chill thoroughly.

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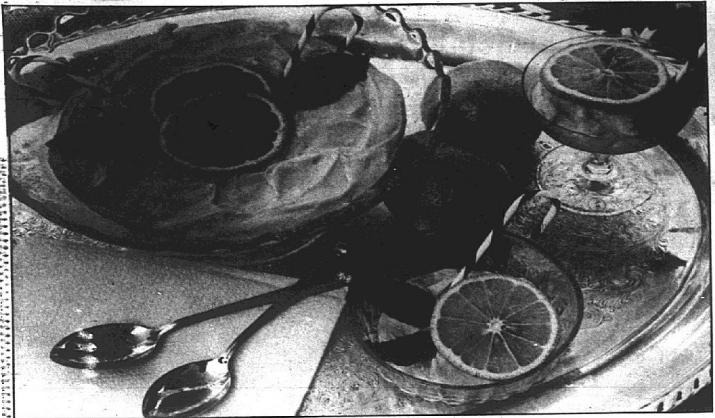
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The secret comes with recipe substitutions, particularly replacing expensive amounts of fat with low-fat ingredients. Here are some samples:

• Use angel food cake instead of higher fat cakes made with butter and shortening.

• Two egg whites can be substituted for one whole egg in many baked recipes.

• Frosting contains lots of fat. Try topping cakes with fresh fruit, glazes or a sprinkle of confectioner's sugar.

• Part-skim cottage cheese is a good alternative to cream cheese.

• For creamy texture with little fat, replace heavy cream with evaporated skim milk.

• Substitute low-fat or nonfat yogurt for dairy sour cream.

• Try using half the nuts called for in a recipe.

Remember to keep an eye on portion sizes. After all, almost any holiday dessert can be enjoyed on an occasional basis. The trick is to avoid a mode of overdoing the pattern or event. Keep in mind that a light sorbet or piece of fresh fruit for dessert also can satisfy a need for something sweet at meal's end.

The following light, creamy dessert has a sweet yet tart taste. It seems much richer than the weight it derives from such low-fat ingredients.

Lemon cream

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup skim milk
3 eggs, separated
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. grated lemon peel
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar

Sprinkle gelatin over lemon juice in heatproof measuring cup or small bowl. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Set cup in small skillet of simmering water. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until gelatin completely dissolves. Remove from heat, but leave cup with gelatin and juice sitting in water to keep it warm.

Scald milk in heavy saucepan by heating it until bubbles begin to form around edge of pan.

Beat egg yolks and sugar in bowl 3 to 4 minutes, until yolks are pale yellow and slightly thickened. Stirring constantly, pour milk in a slow stream over egg yolks. When thoroughly blended, return mixture to saucepan.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture begins to thicken, 4 to 5 minutes. Do not let mixture come near boiling point to avoid curdling.

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1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. allspice
1/2 cup almond liqueur or apple juice

In medium bowl, blend vanilla wafers, crumbled, 1 cup ground almonds, 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice. Stir in pumpkin and almond liqueur.

Form into 1-inch balls. Roll in remaining 1/2 cup almonds. Refrigerate.

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Stack season's rosy flavors in cool radiant cheesecake

Cranberries have been a celebration food ever since colonial days.

American Indians are credited with introducing cranberry sauce to the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving. Cranberry sauce was originally sweetened with maple sugar or honey and served as an accompaniment to meat. Now cranberries come to table as a beverage, salad or dessert.

Eggnog too has gone beyond its role as a beverage and is used as a flavoring ingredient for cookies, breads, cakes and pies.

Eggnog Swirl Cheesecake combines both of these traditions into a dessert recipe in tune with today's tastes. It is a no-bake cheesecake, which is best made a day ahead of serving to allow the custard and flavor to develop fully. Dairy egg nog gives the cake a mild flavor. Its velvety consistency comes from a blend of cream cheese, whipped cream and whipped egg white. Jellied cranberry sauce is used to create the cake's rosy swirls.

Whatever the occasion, cheesecake is always a good choice for dessert. Few people can resist its smooth, creamy texture and a standard recipe made in a springform pan yields a minimum of 12 servings.

Eggnog Swirl Cheesecake is an attractive addition to a dessert buffet. Take time to prepare a new page to be left with the hostess if she is a recent bride.

Cranberry eggnog cheesecake

1/2 cup crushed coconut bar cookies
6 tbsp. (3 stick) butter, melted
1 cup sugar
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
4 eggs, separated
1/2 cup dairy eggnog
2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup grated orange peel
1/2 cup cream of tartar
1 cup whipping cream, whipped
1 can (16 oz.) jellied cranberry sauce

Combine cookie crumbs and butter. Press on bottom and partway up side of 9-inch spring-

form pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes at 350° or until golden. Cool completely on wire rack.

For filling, combine 1/2 cup sugar, gelatin and salt in medium-size heavy saucepan.

Beat egg yolks slightly. Combine yolks and gradually stir into gelatin mixture. Cook over low to medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved and sauce is slightly thickened. Cool slightly. Remove from heat. Cool slightly.

Beat cream cheese, orange peel and vanilla until fluffy. Stir in cooked mixture until well blended. Refrigerate until mixture mounds when dropped from spoon.

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until frothy. Gradually beat in remaining 1/2 cup sugar. Beat until stiff and glossy. Fold beaten egg whites into cheese mixture.

Puree cranberry sauce in food processor or blender until smooth. Spoon one-third cream cheese mixture into crust. Top with orange peel, cream cheese, puree. Swirl cranberry mixture into cream cheese mixture using spatula. Repeat layers twice.

Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

To serve, place cake on serving plate. Loosen sides of cake with spatula. Carefully remove sides of pan. Refrigerate until serving time.

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Auntie Bee's sugar cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup dairy sour cream
4 cups flour

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tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. nutmeg

1/4 tsp. salt

Granulated sugar

Beat butter and sugar in large mixed bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating

well after each addition. Blend in sour cream and vanilla.

Gradually add combined flour baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Wrap dough in plastic wrap.

Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Roll out dough, one-third at a

time, on lightly floured surface to 3/8-inch thickness. Cut with 2 1/2-inch diameter round cookie cutter.

Place 1 inch apart on unbuttered cookie sheets. Sprinkle with sugar.

Bake just until cookies are set, about 8 minutes at 400°. Cookies should not brown.

Yields 4 dozen cookies.

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Colorful red, green peppers good way to usher in decade

Almost every holiday season brings a bustle of activity. Because time is often a precious commodity during this season, planning well and having a few easy-to-prepare ideas on hand can make entertaining enjoyable.

Appetizer smorgasbord, for example, is terrific for the host or hostess who is short on time and tight on a budget. Simply prepare several small dishes and serve them in a tray decorated with festive holiday decorations.

Add excitement to an appetizer smorgasbord by serving a variety of snacks. Be creative with ingredients. Experiment with different textures.

Automatically seasonal-looking red and green colors of peppers brighten festive holiday celebrations. They come in many different varieties — from mild pepper rings to fiery jalapenos — making them ideal party food, adaptable to a wide range of tastes.

Instead of cheese and crackers, entertain with ethnic flair by serving Chicken Curry Spread. This spicy, chunky spread combines white chicken, mild pepper rings and curry. It tastes exciting on crackers or cold bread and also can be served stuffed in cherry tomatoes.

Another appetizer that will be a blast at holiday gatherings is Cherry Bombs. This tangy simple spread food suits tastes from the tepidly timid to the fire-friendly by using either mild or hot cherry peppers and stuffing them with softened cream cheese.

Recipes

Chocolate pumpkin muffins

1½ cups flour
1 cup sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup milk
1 cup pumpkin
1 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 egg
1/2 (1 cup) semisweet chocolate chips
1/4 cup finely chopped nuts

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Make well in center.

In small bowl, combine milk, pumpkin and melted butter. Add well in flour mixture. Add chocolate chips. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened.

Spoon mixture in greased muffin cups, filling each three-fourths full. Sprinkle 1/2-spoonfuls over each muffin. Bake at 400° for 18 to 20 minutes.

Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pans. Cool completely on wire racks.

Makes 12 muffins.

Holiday braid

4½ to 5 cups flour
2 pkgs. regular or quick-rising dry yeast
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind
Pinch mace

1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup shortening

1/2 to 1 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped almonds

In large mixer bowl, combine 2 cups flour, yeast, sugar, salt, lemon rind and mace. Mix well.

In saucier heat milk, water and shortening until very warm (120° to 130°; shortening does not need to melt). Add to flour mixture. Add eggs. Blend at low speed until dough is smooth. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed.

By hand, gradually stir in raisins, almonds and enough remaining flour to make firm dough. Knead on floured surface until smooth and elastic, 5 to 8 minutes.

Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Let rise, covered, in warm place until double, 1½ hours for regular yeast or 45 minutes for quick-rising.

Punch down dough. Divide in four parts. On lightly floured surface, roll each of three parts to 14-inch rope. On large greased cookie sheet, lay out 3 ropes. Form ends to ends. Seal ends and tuck under loaf. With very sharp knife, make 1/4-inch deep slash down center of braid.

Divide remaining dough in three pieces. Roll each piece to 12-inch rope. Braid loosely from center to ends. Seal ends. Place in cut on large braid. Press in lightly.

Let rise, covered, in warm place until double, about 45 minutes for quick-rising dough. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes until golden brown.

Remove from cookie sheet. Cool. Drizzle with confectioner's sugar glaze and garnish with candied cherries and almonds, if desired.

Makes 2½ cups.

Chicken curry spread

2 cans (5 oz. each) white chicken, drained, flaked
½ cup finely chopped mild pepper rings
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup sour cream
½ large clove garlic, minced
½ tsp. curry powder
Whole mild pepper rings for garnish

In medium bowl, combine chicken, pepper rings, mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic and curry. Refrigerate, covered until serving time, at least 2 hours.

Serve as spread with crackers and party bread or use as filling for cherry tomatoes. Garnish with pepper rings.

Cherry bombs
1 jar (16 oz.) hot cherry peppers, drained
1 container (4 oz.) herb-flavored soft cream cheese

Cut through each cherry pepper to stem. Spread halves. Remove seeds.

With pastry bag or small spoon, fill each pepper with 1 medium tablespoon cream cheese. Press gently to seal.

Makes 15 appetizers.

Tip: For ½ cherry bomb, cut cherry peppers completely in half and fill each half with about 1½ teaspoons cream cheese.

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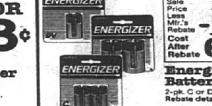
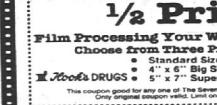
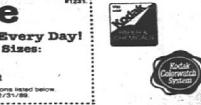
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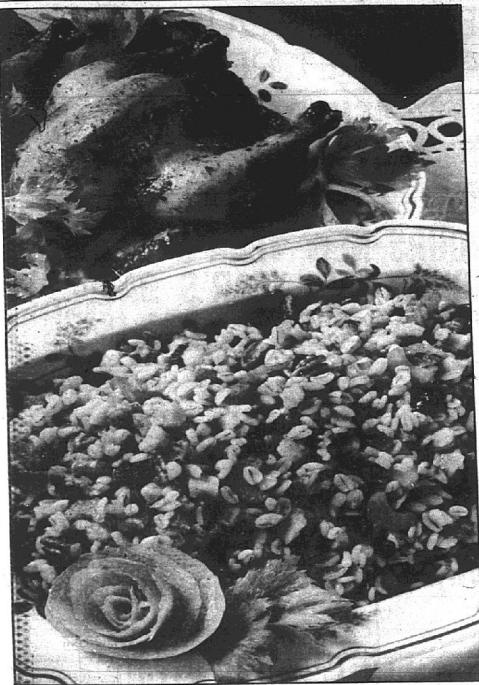


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Dressing on stove top makes quick dinner

Many people have made a commitment to eat simpler meals for the holidays as the holiday season progresses, they wonder if they will be able to keep that commitment.

Yes, it is possible to eat better. Many holiday favorites such as turkey and stuffing on the menu. Poultry is a good main dish choice when calories and fat intake are being counted. Turkey can be prepared in less time before eating and use only a minimal amount of fat such as vegetable oil or margarine for cooking. Roasted chicken, Cornish hen and stuffing are ideal for smaller gatherings and can be prepared in less time than the traditional whole turkey.

To further streamline, serve "dressing" as a place of stuffing. Dressing is prepared with the same ingredients as stuffing, but it is simmered on the range top or baked in a casserole dish. It saves preparation and cooking time, absorbs less animal fat and simplifies serving.

Here are two simple barley dressings which taste good and are nutritious, as well as quick and easy to prepare. Made with quick-cooking barley, which cooks in just 10 to 12 minutes, these dressings can be served on short notice, even after a long day at work, shopping, when one or two friends holiday guests are invited.

Barley is a nutritious grain, contributing protein, thiamine, thiamin, phosphorus and potassium to a meal, as well as fat, medium, free of cholesterol and a good source of dietary fiber. Like oat bran, barley is a significant source of water-soluble dietary fiber. It is the water-soluble fiber that is important that medical experts believe can help reduce blood cholesterol levels when part of a fat-modified diet.

Unique seasoning combinations give the two easy barley dressings exciting flavor profiles. Because no sauteing is required, fat does not need to be added to either recipe. The results are savory dressings that

are low in fat and contain no sodium or cholesterol.

Barley Fruit Dressing, brimming with dried fruits and just a hint of cinnamon and orange, will complement poultry or potato casserole. Colorful Barley Dressing Southwest features the zesty flavors of salsa and cilantro in a barley, corn and bell pepper-based dressing, perfect with chicken or fish.

Barley fruit dressing

- 1 cup quick-cooking barley, uncooked
- 2 cups water
- 1 (6 oz.) pkg. dried mixed fruit, dried
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 1 tbsp. orange liqueur
- 1/2 cup cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cook barley in water according to package directions, adding dry fruit, celery, onions, liqueur and cinnamon last 5 minutes of cooking. Stir in pecans.

Serve warm with poultry or lean meat.

Yield: 4 servings; 290 calories, 50 gm. carbohydrate, 5 gm. fat, 6 gm. protein, 25 mg. sodium, no cholesterol and 6 gm. fiber each.

Microwave directions: In 2 to 2 1/2-quart microwave-safe casserole dish, combine 1 cup orange juice, diced fruit, celery, green onions, 2 tablespoons orange liqueur and cinnamon. Microwave at high 1/2 power for 3 minutes until celer is soft. Stir in barley. Microwave at high 1 minute more or until heated through. Stir in pecans.

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Home economist

There are many traditions to occupy time during December. To some, the most important is watching college bowl games on television.

Snacks usually go hand-in-hand, or perhaps hand-to-mouth is more appropriate with this prime-time activity. Snacks and treats are appropriate so other family members can fulfill their rituals at the mall, here are perfect complements to the football fans' favorite beverage, whether a favorite team is playing at the Independence Bowl, the Rose Bowl or the Sugar Bowl.

Cheese and Garlic Flavored Nuts can be made up to 1 week in advance and stored in an airtight container.

If the game runs into or through mealtime, hearty Layered Buffet Sandwich can serve as dinner. The dressing is cooked in the microwave. The sandwich itself can be put together the day before and wrapped in plastic. Cut it in half just before serving.

For a sweet tooth among armchair quarterbacks, prepare a favorite brownie mix according to directions in a conventional oven. Let it cool at least 2 hours.

In a small mixing bowl, melt 1 square (2 1/2 ounces) white candy coating at medium (50 percent) power 3 to 4 minutes until coating can be stirred smooth. Spoon this into a 1-quart sealable freez-

er bag. Squeeze the coating to one corner of the bag and seal. Using a scissors, snip small corner from bag to form writing tip.

Cut cool brownies in diamond shapes. Place a brownie to resemble a football; easiest is to pipe long white line with three short lines crossing it.

Cheese and garlic flavored nuts

2 tbs. butter or margarine
2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1 tbs. garlic salt
1/2 cup whole blanched almonds
1 cup whole salted cashews
1/2 cup pecan halves
1/2 cup unsalted dry roasted peanuts
1 tbs. grated parmesan cheese

In 2-quart casserole, microwave butter at high 45 seconds to melt. Add dressing and Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt. Mix well.

Add almonds, cashews, pecans and peanuts, stirring to coat. Microwave at high 6 to 9 minutes until cheese is absorbed, stirring 2 or 3 times.

Add parmesan cheese. Toss to coat. Spread on baking sheet lined with paper towel to cool. Yields 2 cups.

Layered buffet sandwich

1 loaf (1 lb.) French bread, sliced in half lengthwise

to put commercial breaks to good use. Think of them as activity breaks. Get up and move. Turn off the furniture, put away dishes, fold laundry, ironing, do anything else to escape the food advertisements that dominate television formats.

Try the following recipe for Corn Crisps in place of regular corn chips. Still be careful. It is hard to stop at just a few.

Corn crisps

6 corn tortillas
Stack tortillas. Cut in 6 wedges. Lay tortilla pieces on baking sheet. Spread with oil. Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 350°. Chips should be crisp and lightly brown.

Serve warm or allow to cool and store in airtight container.

Yields 6 servings of 6 wedges each; 48 calories, .8 gm. fat, 37 mg. sodium and no cholesterol per serving.

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1/2 cup white vinegar
1 tbs. Dijon mustard
1/2 tbs. sugar
1/2 tbs. Italian seasoning
1/2 tbs. salt
1/2 tbs. pepper
Lettuce
1 cup cooked turkey, thinly sliced
1/2 lb. salami, thinly sliced
1/2 lb. cooked ham, thinly sliced
6 slices (1/2 oz. each) provolone
1/2 cup shredded American cheese

In 1 1/2-quart casserole, combine green pepper, onion and butter. Microwave, covered, at high 2 minutes. Stir in mushrooms, white wine, vinegar and mustard. Cover and cook at high 3 to 5 minutes until green pepper and onion are tender-crisp. Drain.

In small bowl, combine oil, vinegar, mustard, sugar, Italian seasoning and salt. Blend well. Toss with mushrooms at high 30 seconds to 1 minute until mixture boils.

Brush oil mixture evenly over cut sides of loaf. Arrange lettuce evenly over top of loaf. Top with turkey and salami. Top with ham, provolone and American cheese. Press top of bread down slightly.

Wrap in plastic wrap. Cool at least 3 hours and up to 24 hours.

Serve by slicing diagonally. Secure each piece with wooden pick.

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Auxiliary attends district meeting

Twenty-six Eagles Auxiliary 1126 members attended the District 1126 meeting which was hosted by Shiloh Auxiliary 545.

Local members attending were: Flo Stokes, local president; Vincine Zerlan; Helen Lipchik; Joann Spencer; Linda Auerand; Gladys Freeman; Eileen Rickert; Cathy Kostoff; Ruth Jorgensen; Del Deloney; Stella Miller; Mary Cromer; Adelle Wasylak; Opal Cain; Mary Evans; Bonita Jones; Barbara Marduric; Dee Klech; Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer; Ann Konopka; Sherri Case; Helen Paschedag; Patti Laird; Irene Schwierjohann; Jeanne Burton; and Linda Allen.

Shiloh President Mary Ann Turner opened the meeting, then turned the meeting over to district officers: chairman, Helen Meyers of Alton; junior past chairman, Vicki Johnson; treasurer, Linda Auerand; vice chairman, Theresa Rondagel of Alton; chaplain, Mary Mueller of Collinsville; and conductor, Stella Macarie of Collinsville.

State officers were conducted into the meeting hall: Kathy Dullea of Shiloh, state vice president; Shiloh; Linda Smith of Alton, state editor; Linda Auerand; Mary Stogner of Collinsville, past state president; Rita Cuoco of Alton, assistant state treasurer; and Helen Meyers of Alton, southern zone state treasurer.

An initiation ceremony was held for eight candidates from Collinsville. The Illinois State Alumnae chapter of Shiloh conducted the ceremony. Team members were: president, Smith; junior past president, Dullea; vice president, Johnson; chaplain, Lipchik; and conductor, Meyers.

A check for \$1,000 from the State of Illinois Special Olympics Fund was presented to the Marine Corps. Steve Bierwille and accepted by Cathy Culien.

The donation was for children with handicaps in Belleville and funded by the boards of education of Marion County, St. Charles, and Randolph counties.

Auxiliary treasurers from Granite City, Shiloh, Collinsville and Alton in attendance at the meeting were honored and presented with gifts.

Granite City was awarded checks for having the most members in attendance and having the highest percentage attending the meeting. Granite City also received the traveling trophy.

The next district meeting will be hosted by Granite City Auxiliary 1126 in February.



ATTENDING A COURT OF HONOR are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Schaus and son, Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. George Friedel and son, Steve.

Two earn Eagle Scout award

Steve Friedel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Friedel, and Richard Schaus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Schaus, were recently presented the Eagle Scout Award.

A Court of Honor was held for both boys by Troop 13, sponsored by the Men's Club of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Steve and Richard joined Troop 13 in 1982 and both have held various positions in the Leadership Corps. The two are registered as junior assistant scoutmasters. They have earned the Catholic religious awards of Ad Altare Dei and Pope Plus

Methodist Women give canned goods

The United Methodist Women of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church met in the parlor of the church for its monthly meeting.

Jennie Lynn Totten opened the meeting with a prayer. President Dolores Allen conducted the business meeting.

After the business meeting, the group was shown the movie "Mr. Krueger's Christmas," starring Jimmy Stewart.

Each person brought canned goods for food baskets for the needy.

A poem, "Christmas as Mysterious as Ever," was read by Shirley Lane.

The executive committee hosted the evening. Tables were decorated with a Christmas theme. Each member was presented a box of homemade cookies and a handmade Christmas card by Maria Hall and Jennifer Oftt.

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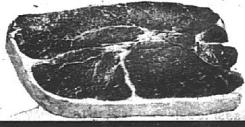
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